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A PROCLAMATION

(Flag Day)

WHEREAS, throughout our history the American Flag has been symbolic of the great freedoms for what we stand and the sacrifices which have been made through the years to preserve them, and

WHEREAS, today Americans are more aware than ever before of the meaning and value of those things for which Old Glory stands, and

WHEREAS, in the years to come the beneficent influence of our democracy which prevails wherever it flies will be even further extended, and

WHEREAS, it is symbolic of the patriotism, courage, fidelity and sacrifice which has made the United States the great Nation it is today,

THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, by the power vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim and declare June 14 as "Flag Day" throughout South Carolina, and urge that all citizens at some time during this day repeat or think of the great words of Francis Bellamy The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. One Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this 15th day of June, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR